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Via Electronic and Express Mail

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Gary Klawinski  
Director, Hudson River Field Office  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
187 Wolf Road, Suite 303  
Albany, New York 12205

***Re: Disposal of Hudson River Archived Samples***

Dear Mr. Klawinski:

GE and its contract laboratory, Pace Analytical Services (Pace), currently store over 900 fish carcasses derived from the 2011 and 2013 Hudson River Remedial Action Monitoring Program fish sampling events, in addition to other archived samples. These 2011 and 2013 fish carcasses consist of the heads and backbones only, since both fillets were harvested during fish fillet sample processing in 2011 and 2013. The resulting 2011 and 2013 fish fillet tissue homogenate sample archives are currently maintained at Pace.

There is no requirement to maintain the carcasses under existing agreements between EPA and GE. Due to the burden and space required to store the fish carcasses, Pace intends to properly dispose of the 2011 and 2013 fish carcasses in the very near future. Therefore, unless EPA or the Hudson River Natural Resource Trustees want the carcasses, and notifies GE by the close of business on April 28, the 2011 and 2013 fish carcasses will be properly disposed of.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Adam Ayers

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cc: Tom Brosnan, NOAA  
Sean Madden, NYSDEC  
Kathryn Jahn, DOI  
William Kotas, Pace Analytical Services  
Kevin Farrar, NYSDEC

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